

# THE TRUE NORTHERNER.

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## They Don't Deny It.

All three of South Haven's enterprising newspapers have had something to say by way of replying to the arguments that have been from time to time made regarding the low equalization placed upon the township of South Haven by the board of supervisors. The Messenger seems to think that because Paw Paw is the county seat, it ought to pay more than its share of taxes. The following is its "argument":

"Paw Paw people propose to have 'equalization,' if red hand-bills, printer's ink and such black head lines as these can bring about: 'Is South Haven village pauperized?' 'Are fruit farms profitable?' 'Should the balance of the county be taxed to keep this company (the Williams Transportation Line) at South Haven?' Apparently they do not appreciate the immense importance and honor of being at the county seat, and are not willing to pay therefor. Indications are that a combination against us will be made, and if we do not pay somewhat that other towns ought to pay, we shall be fortunate."

As long as the average taxpayer of Paw Paw is compelled to pay \$3.52 state and county tax while the average South Havenite escapes with only \$1.31 for the same purpose, the Messenger is in no danger from any "combinations."

The News devotes its attention to the well known under-valuation of the Williams Transportation Company, which is assessed at only \$18,000, at least \$100,000 less than the true value of its taxable property. Here is what it says:

"The Paw Paw folks are getting red in the face on tax apportionments. Perhaps they would like to have the Williams Transportation Company hail from that burg. It might advertise them a little. But their one little schooner has to stub around in South Haven waters. What kind of scheme would it be to drive away any property that can be retained? Some ports are and have been offering low rates for steamship companies to hail their boats from there, as it advertises the town, and is it not better for Paw Paw people to be helped a little rather than not at all? If Paw Paw can find out that the boats are paying less than other boats in other harbors, then let us know. Or if you want to send a committee down to Washington to lobby for an appropriation to cut a ditch from South Haven to Paw Paw, so that you can come in out of the rain, why, that will be all right. Maybe then you can get some line of boats to hail from the port of Paw Paw. It looks decidedly as though Paw Paw was afraid of losing the county seat, and proposes to raise a kick ahead of time."

This fails to show any reason why Paw Paw or any other township should be compelled to pay more than a fair proportion of state and county tax simply because the Williams company is a good thing for South Haven. Having no argument to advance, the News resorts to ridicule. We have not the slightest objection to the entire tax of the Williams company being remitted if South Haven wishes it, provided South Haven pays the tax and does not compel us to do so by an unjust equalization.

The Sentinel reverts to the statement that South Haven is a fractional township, wholly ignoring that all comparisons that have been made have been based upon comparative areas. The Sentinel is so sarcastic! Witness the following from its columns:

"The NORTHERNER seems to have a kick coming because six miles square of Paw Paw territory is valued by the supervisors at more money than the same amount in South Haven with four miles of the north end of the latter covered by the waters of the lake. Let that township hold her peace, and perhaps some day we may be as rich as she now is. To parade our poverty is something the NORTHERNER ought to be more kind in heart than to do like this: 'South Haven people are even poorer than we thought. Outside of the village with the exception of one banker who is assessed \$7,200, the entire personal assessment amounts only to the paltry sum of \$4,200, and not a man is assessed to exceed \$600 on personal estate.' The assessed valuation of South Haven township, as equalized by the board of supervisors, is \$720,000, of Covert \$305,000 and Geneva \$385,000. A comparison of these figures for the past twenty years proves that 'the corner' has maintained a sort of healthy growth in spite of the almost jeers of some of its more pretentious neighbors in the eastern portion of the county."

It must be awful nice to be so rich you can afford to taunt some poor fellow about his poverty."

The South Haven press seems to have forgotten, as it usually does in October, all about its boasting as to the great wealth and superiority of that township over its sister townships.

When a supervisor sworn to assess property at its true cash value, finds his township worth \$825,000 and the board of supervisors cuts it to \$720,000; when the village of South Haven with its 50 per cent larger territory, with its great marine interests, with its greater number of business places, with its more costly hotels, with its elegant summer resorts and fine residences, with its greater manufactures, with a thousand more inhabitants, is assessed at \$108,000 less than the village of Paw Paw; when a fruit farm assessed less than \$1,000 actually sells for \$2,500 with all fruit for the season reserved; when Paw Paw has to pay in state tax alone \$67.38 more than South Haven pays of state and county tax combined, it is time to kick and kick vigorously.

JOHN Bull seems to be monkeying in a careless way with Monroe's pet doctrine, and it is not impossible that he may lose his fingers if he don't keep away from the buzz saw. However, the NORTHERNER is not spoiling to see Uncle Sam get into a row, at least not into one more serious than a diplomatic tangle, and we do not believe the majority of the American people are at all anxious for a war with England. While there is much in the Monroe doctrine that is valuable to the United States and that must be maintained, it does not and was never intended to force the United States government to go war as the ally of every minor American power that carelessly twists the lion's tail. American life and American interests should be protected by our government, no matter in what land they may be; but we would meekly suggest that there have been let pass several incidents that furnished a much more favorable field for the inauguration of a vigorous foreign policy than does the roaring of the British lion towards our Venezuelan neighbor. When British war ships were clearly acting in violation of the Monroe doctrine at Corinto, the administration was silent; the outcry of the people at this outrage was so general that the authorities are now falling over themselves, as it were, in their anxious scramble to maintain the Monroe doctrine, and that while England is only growling and showing her ugly teeth. We believe that the Corinto outrage could have been prevented by firm diplomacy on the part of the United States, and that a similar decided stand will decide the Venezuelan complication. At any rate, all the talk of war is premature. When England commits any overt act that is inimical to our national interests in South America, or that tends towards English colonization and conquest there, it will be abundant time for Uncle Sam to interfere. The Monroe doctrine is fully alive, but it is not a standing declaration of war to every European nation that has a diplomatic controversy with other American governments.

## A Remarkable Announcement.

A brief paragraph can hardly do justice to the interesting announcements which *The Youth's Companion* makes for the coming year. Not only will some of the most delightful story-writers contribute to the paper, but many of the most eminent statesmen, jurists and scientists of the world. No fewer than three cabinet ministers are announced, among them being the secretary of agriculture, who chose for a subject "Arbor Day," the celebration of which he originated; Secretary Herbert writes on "What the President of the United States Does," and Secretary Hoke Smith on "Our Indians."

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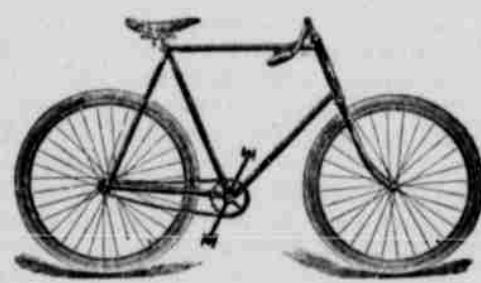
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